Promotion of Small Cars

4038. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to make India a hub for small cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to achieve success in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Auto Policy 2002, envisages to make India a global hub for small cars. In order to achieve this objective, excise duty on small cars has been brought down from 24% to 16% in the Union Budget 2006-07. The Government have also approved the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) in 2005 at a cost of s. 1718 crore in order to establish world class testing, homologation and certification facilities in the country with a view to promoting exports in auto sector.

Value assessment of land with PSEs

†4039. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) When the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises was constituted with a view to revamp Government sector enterprises and to make future recommendatons alongwith the details of its jurisdiction;

(b) the enterprises of Government sector incurring loss at present alongwith the reasons of their incurring losses in each case;

(c) the residual land of Government enterprises in respect of which value assessment has been made; and

(d) by when the value assessment of the residual land will be made and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government of

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